

Appl. No. 10/073,605
Amendment dated September 13, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 20, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant submits that the amendment above clearly places the claims into condition for allowance for the reasons stated below. Because no further consideration or search is required, applicant requests that the amendment be entered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 and 24-30 are allowed. Claims 15-23 are rejected. Although applicant disagrees with the rejection, claims 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a subsequent continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 15-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,359,970 to Burgess ("Burgess"). Because claims 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice, applicant requests that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The claims have been shown to be allowable over the prior art. Applicant believes that this paper is responsive to each and every ground of rejection cited by the Examiner in the Action dated June 20, 2005, and respectfully requests favorable action in this application. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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